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Must comply with law on religious exercises, North York is warned

By PATRICIA RUCKER

The Jewish community in North York has recently been reminded that firm legislative safeguards are needed to protect minority rights. Opening exercises, consisting of **O Canada**, the recital of the Lord's Prayer, and the reading of a passage from the Christian Bible, are being held again in most public schools in the borough, in accordance with regulations of the Ministry of Education.

For several years, formal opening exercises have been rare in North York schools. However, those schools omitting them have been in breach of the law, and a memorandum sent out three weeks ago by the Education Centre of the North York school board reminded principals of this fact. W. A. Dempsey, superintendant of board services, was quoted as saying that the memo had been prompted by complaints from parents that the law was being ignored.

The board is without doubt acting properly in requiring compliance with the regulation. Jews and other non-Christians who do not want Christian religious practices imposed upon their children have relied too much on what they may have considered a "gentlemen's agreement" to ignore the law. That no such agreement ever existed was made clear as long ago as September 1969, at Bathurst Heights Collegiate, a school with a large Jewish population.

Shortly after school opened in the fall, home room teachers were informed that they must lead their classes in opening exercises. Warren Hyland, who had been appointed principal the preceding January, took responsibility for the decision, but referred all questions to Donald Hewgill, who had just been transferred to Bathurst as vice-principal. (Hewgill is now administrative assistant in the office of superintendant of schools at the Education Centre.)

The reaction among the staff was generally unenthusiastic. Strong protests from Jewish teachers who refused to lead the recital of the Lord's Prayer resulted in an administration decision to broadcast the entire opening exercises over the public address system. At this point, only a few of the Jewish teachers, including me, continued to protest.

In response, Hewgill stated that the opening exercises were being reintroduced simply to obey the law, not because of a specific complaint. When I suggested that students be made aware of the right, upon a parent's written request, to withdraw until the completion of opening exercises, Hewgill accused me of seeking a "confrontation".

(In fact, withdrawal was nearly impossible, since opening exercises were broadcast to every part of the school, including the halls. Students would have to "withdraw" to the parking lot, and the resulting chaos could delay the first class for 15 minutes.)

In the face of a hostile administration and an apathetic Jewish student population, no further protests were made, and opening exercises have continued at Bathurst.

This kind of incident illustrates two points which the Jewish community must consider in deciding on its response to the recent memorandum.

– As long as Christian religious observances are required by law in our public schools, any board, any principal, any citizen can insist that the law be obeyed. We need legislation permitting the omission of such observances.

– Until such a law is passed, Jewish parents, teachers and students do have an alternative: publicize and make use of the right to withdraw, no matter how awkward it may be. Our opposition to forced participation in Christian religious practices will be credible only if it is clear and community wide.

(Mrs. Rucker is a former teacher of English at Bathurst Heights Collegiate.)

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Marching protestors told of help for Soviet Jews

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

TORONTO –

The fires from hundreds of torches formed a moving stream along University Ave. on Monday night as protestors on behalf of Soviet Jews walked from Queen's Park to City Hall.

Although this year's march did not take place on Simchat Torah (it was postponed a week because of Team Canada's homecoming) it had the same dramatic quality as in other years.

The 700 marchers, mostly teenagers, walked in twos and threes down the sidewalk, carrying placards condemning the Soviet Union. Israeli songs could be heard springing up and dying down along the line of walkers. Occasionally someone would begin a collective chant of "What do we want? Freedom. When do we want it? Now."

At Nathan Phillips Square, the marchers joined between 1-2,000 others. Focus of the protest was on the recently imposed education tax and the Canadian government's policy with respect to Soviet Jews and the USSR.

Danny Gottlieb, co-chairman of the Toronto Student Council for Soviet Jews, told the rally:

"We must insist that the Canadian government take a definite and vocal stand on this issue, as the American government has done with the recent Jackson Amendment, which would deny special trade agreements and credits to all countries demanding an excessive exit tax."

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp addressing the gathering, said he told Soviet foreign minister Gromyko privately that "demand for compensation harms the reputation of the Soviet Union and harms its relations with Canada."

Sydney Harris, national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress told the rally that "Mr. Sharp's address to the UN last week was considered by the State of Israel to be a friendly address" and that "the Canadian position as expressed by Mr. Sharp was one that was welcomed by the Israeli government."

In a telegram to the rally, Prime Minister Trudeau said hundreds of people have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union because of his help. He pledged to continue Canadian government efforts to persuade Russia to allow its minority groups to emigrate freely.

Rally Chairman J. B. Salsberg urged the government not to wait but to use its influence on Moscow now.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp (left foreground) chats with persons attending a rally supporting Soviet Jews at Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square. In a telegram to the rally, Prime Minister Trudeau said hundreds of people have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union because of his help. He pledged to continue Canadian efforts to persuade Russia to allow its minority groups to emigrate freely. Between 1,000 and 2,000 people were at the rally (HOZ)

Skirl of the Scottish pipes has distinct Jewish flavor

By BRAM CADSBY
Special to The CJN

GLASGOW –

Apples, honey, and bagpipes – so Glasgow's Jews greeted the New Year.

In most ways, Glasgow is a rather ordinary Jewish community. Most of its members claim to be Orthodox. Most of its youth and clergy claim that this vast majority is irreligious and hypocritical.

And yet, in one respect, Glasgow distinguishes itself from similar communities across Britain: It is the proud home of the world's first and only Jewish bagpipe band.

Bandmaster/Lt. Mark Clark, the 20-year-old leader of the band, offered to introduce me to this strange mixture of Jewish spirit and Scottish soul.

He explained that the pipe band was one of many interest groups sponsored by the Jewish Lads Brigade, an organization for young teenagers, active throughout Britain and Australia.

"We are trying to train our young members so that they will become worthy Scottish and Jewish citizens," said Lt. Clark, as he led me into the beginners' pipe class.

Several deafening shrieks faded gradually away as I was introduced to Pipemaster Edward McGowan and to several young men ranging from 11 to 16 years of age.

"Let's hear the wee march from Dumfries," said McGowan, a youth leader supplied by the Corporation of Glasgow. Each boy took a deep breath and began.

As the music drew to a close, I managed a smile and a thank-you, and then made the mistake of asking the Bandmaster how his band compared with others in Scotland.

He looked at me, surprised I suppose at my failure to

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The world's first and only Jewish bagpipe band in Glasgow.

JDL plans to enter into Israel election

By ROYSTON ALLEN
From our Tel Aviv Bureau

TEL AVIV –

The Jewish Defence League, headed by Rabbi Meir Kahane, plans to form a political party and stand for parliament in the 1973 Israel elections. One of the main planks of the party platform will be education.

"This country produces good lawyers, doctors and architects," Rabbi Kahane said, "but it does not produce many good Jews – warm Jews.

"I don't want to make the Israelis religious – God forbid – but I want the Israeli children to grow up with a real concept of Judaism. In this state there is a tremendous problem . . . a loss of Zionism and Jewishness among the youth. A concept of young Jews who say they are not Jews but Israelis."

In order to be permitted to stand as an independent party under this country's proportional elections system, the JDL must produce 1,500 signatures of supporters for their proposed party – to be called "the league" – and pay a deposit of $10,000.

Rabbi Kahane feels confident that the support for his party will be forthcoming:

"We have proved we can win over youth," he said, "and within the next year we will see it physically. I believe that what has been lacking here in Israel is a dynamic party which does not just sit in the Knesset but which goes out in the streets and schools to the youth, and works perhaps in the way that McGovern does."

Twelve tons of arms delivered to Fatah

LONDON (JCNS) –

Almost at the same moment as the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, was for the first time denouncing Arab terrorism at the UN, a consignment of small arms, machine-guns and mortars totalling well over 12 tons was delivered to El Fatah, the main Arab terrorist group.

The JCNS Arab affairs correspondent writes: Reports in Beirut said the arms were flown to Damascus. From Damascus they travelled by road to Arab terrorist headquarters at Al Hama, outside the Syrian capital. The consignment for the terrorists arrived at the same time as the Russians were maintaining their airlift of war material for the Syrians from Odessa.

This is believed to be the first time the Russians have made a direct delivery to the terrorists. Previously, only the Palestine Liberation Army, the so-called "regular forces" of the Palestinians have received direct Russian support.

White House statements enrage Jewish leaders

By TRUDE B. FELDMAN

NEW YORK –

Fewer than 10 of the 32 Jews who met President Nixon last week could actually be considered Jewish leaders, according to angry lay and professional people who are daily involved with Jewish issues.

They were not offended that the president had met 32 people to express his gratitude for their support, but they were puzzled and annoyed that the White House not only described them as Jewish leaders, but that Nixon saw fit to discuss with them his policies on the Mideast.

"Just as if they represented the entire Jewish community," said one disgruntled person.

Many objected and were indignant that the president met only with his supporters to discuss the Soviet ransom tax, rather than with members of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

One observer remarked: "Most of the people who met with the president are not basically concerned with Jewish causes and aren't authentic leaders of the Jewish community. They are mainly contributors to his re-election campaign. I think the president is alienating those of us who are open-minded and want to communicate on pressing matters."

The invitation from the White House was sent to the 32 so the president could express his appreciation for their support, according to Ron Ziegler, presidential press secretary.

Asked how the White House determines who is a Jewish leader, Ziegler replied: "We don't determine that. That's determined by the accomplishments of those individuals within their own community. The persons who met with the president are, in their own right, leaders of the Jewish community."

One of the 32, Rita Hauser, is a former presidential appointee who has never been active in Jewish life. Another is currently employed in the Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP).

When a Nixon supporter told a top Jewish leader to "trust the president," the reply he got was "I'm tired of being brainwashed. I can't accept any more requests from the president to 'trust me.'"

on the wire

Catholic is honored for saving children

NEW YORK – A Catholic ex-teacher who helped save 2,000 Jewish children from the Nazis, was honored by the Israeli Consulate here. Mrs. Jeanne Daman-Scaglione, of Chapel Hill, N.C., was presented with the Medal of the Righteous People on behalf of Yad Vahem, the Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority. The former underground fighter declared that although she is nominally a Catholic she has "more empathy for the Jewish vision of life than for any other vision."

A chess win by default

TEL AVIV – It is not in the stars but in orders from above. The Israeli chess team has won a four to nothing victory by default over Albania. The Albanian team said its government imposed the ban on playing the Israelis.

Victim's father dies

JERUSALEM – Emil Gottfreund, 75, collapsed and died as he was about to take part in a state memorial service for the Munich victims. His son, Yosef, was coach of Israel's wrestling team and was one of those murdered.

Soviet paper charged

PARIS – The International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism, has lodged a legal complaint against the Russian periodical USSR, for allegedly encouraging anti-Semitism. The periodical is not covered by diplomatic immunity.

Japan good customer

TEL AVIV – Japan is now second only to the United States as a buyer of polished diamonds from Israel. Up to the end of August, Japan had imported $33.6 million worth of diamonds.

Harold Arviv, 27-year-old former Israeli soldier and a graduate engineer is interviewed on CFTO-TV in Toronto after he completed a 350 mile walk from Montreal to Toronto on behalf of Crippled Children. Arviv, who owns a boutique on Yonge St. trained three months for the 10-day walk. He raised $82,465 for the Telethon. Interviewers are sports announcer Pat Marsden and singer Kay Turner. (WILLER)

200 volunteers work for Funds Assembly

TORONTO –

Two hundred Toronto volunteers are involved in the massive arrangements necessary to make certain everything runs smoothly at the 41st annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, from Nov. 8 to Nov. 12.

Local planning for the event started last March under the direction of Mrs. Arnold A. Epstein and Morrie Latchman, who head up the arrangements committee.

It's been almost a full-time chore ever since for Mrs. Epstein and Latchman as they negotiated with the hotel, with the caterer, with printers, sign makers and with the many other suppliers to the assembly. Plans had to be changed continually as response from communities all over North America indicated a possible record attendance.

"We were a little overwhelmed at first," Mrs. Epstein admitted, "but so far we've been able to cope successfully and we are confident that the delegates will be comfortable and accorded maximum hospitality. We're certain also that the assembly will operate smoothly and efficiently."

The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto is hosting a tour of the city followed by a reception at the Royal Ontario Museum; a reception following a general session on Thursday night, Nov. 9; a Sabbath kiddush following the assembly Sabbath service, and a pre-banquet reception on Saturday night, Nov. 10. The UJWF is also hosting a delegates lounge throughout the period of the assembly.

Special arrangements are being made to accommodate students and there will be a student headquarters set up in the hotel. The special student registration rate is $6 and meals for special functions will be half price.

Young leaders will be able to meet and discuss mutual problems in a CJF Young Leadership hospitality lounge.

First-time delegates can attend a orientation session on the evening of Nov. 8.

The volunteers assisting with the arrangements are headed by the following committee chairmen: decor, Mrs. Barbara Alexander, Mrs. Joyce Rosenberg; welcoming, Mrs. Shushie Cole, Mrs. Harriet Morton; monitoring workshops, Mrs. Irene Fink, Mrs. Mimi Wise; delegates lounge, Mrs. Gerda Frieberg; bus tour, Mrs. Lil Gold; receptions, Mrs. Beverley Gordon, Mrs. Mirial Small; message and information centre, Mrs. Jan Stein, Mrs. Penny Offman; hostesses, Mrs. Cecily Peters.

Young Leadership lounge, Mrs. Francis Storm, Mrs. Jeanette Stein; mechanics for workshops, Mrs. Anne Moranis; favors, Mrs. Judy Sussman; mechanics for home hospitality, Mrs. Bobby Wilson; home hospitality, Mrs. Ida Kent with Mrs. Lil Levy and Mrs. Rose Wolfe; kit assembling, Mrs. Dora Track, Mrs. Jean Kamarner.

Bagpipes skirl in Glasgow

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recognize greatness, and proceeded to show me, one by one, the trophies, plaques, and other regalia collected by the band throughout the years.

"Our band could match any in competition," he said, emphasizing their coming performance at London's Royal Albert Hall. Unfortunately, most of these contests take place on Shabbat, when the band is not allowed to play.

"You see, a rabbi lives in the house right behind us," he explained. "He always has his ears open for an over - enthusiastic Sabbath violation."

After this exchange, we stepped into another side room in order that I might see a demonstration of the band's drumming ability. This, I must say was far beyond my expectation. Each drummer played a rhythm slightly different from the others while several accompanied their playing with complicated drumstick juggling manoeuvres.

I told the young people that a bagpipe band as the centre of Jewish activity would seem strange indeed to CJN readers in Canada.

At this, they laughed and told me how much they loved both the practices and performances.

"There's a Zionist organization for people who want to do Israeli dancing," said one girl. "We prefer to play in the band and do a Highland Fling."

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Sun. Nov. 5 3:00 p.m.	Habonim Congregation at 12 Holloman Rd.	"Both Sides Now" Rabbi Slonim reviewing his own book
Tue. Nov. 7 8:00 p.m.	Jewish Public Library at Shaarei Shomayim 470 Glencairn Ave.	"Israel — Land of the Book" — Symposium. Panelists: Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Mrs. Hadassah Rosenberg, M.A. and Prof. Harvey Narrol. Moderator: Sam Sable
Sun. Nov 12 8:30 p.m.	Labour Zionist Alliance at 14 Viewmount Ave.	"The Works of Prof. Isaiah Rabinowitz" Lecturer: Morris Wittenberg
Tue. Nov. 26 8:00 p.m.	Yiddish Culture Council at 471 Lawrence Ave. W.	"The Last Chapter of a Thousand Years History of Jewish Life in Poland" Lecturer: S. L. Schneiderman, New York
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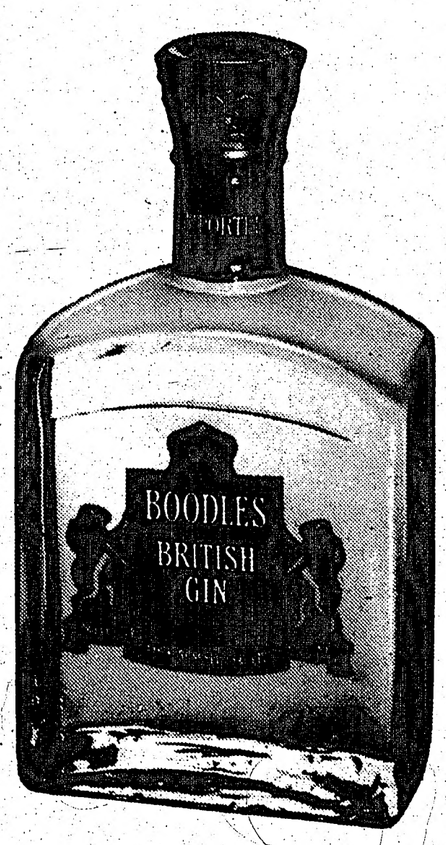

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

These are some of the 90 young Montrealers who came to a B'nai Akiva Shabbaton at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Bathurst St. They joined 90 Torontonians and about a dozen New Yorkers in the weekend of festivities which was the start of a year-round program of youth activities at the synagogue. The next weekend is scheduled for Oct. 27-29.

SEMINAR FOR MOTHERS

Women's involvement in their children's education is the theme of the all-day conference sponsored by the Eitz Chaim Mothers Association taking place Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the school on Viewmount Ave. Two former Torontonians will be addressing the participants. For the morning session which begins at 9:30 a.m., the speaker will be Sylvia Herskowitz, field director, Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who is known to Torontonians as the wife of Rabbi William Herskowitz, former spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Judy Bleich, wife of Rabbi David Bleich of Yorkville Synagogue, New York, and daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. David Ochs. Dr. Ochs is the dean of Eitz Chaim.

ALLAN BRONFMAN LECTURESHIP

Dr. Nahum Sarna will be delivering the 1972 Allan Bronfman lecture at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Dr. Sarna is chairman of the department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies at Brandeis University.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations will hold its annual community awareness day program at Baycrest Centre, Bathurst St. The all-day program is designed to acquaint community leaders with the workings of Jewish service agencies. The morning will be devoted to the study of the program for the institutionalized elderly. The afternoon session will cover the program for the non-institutionalized elderly as undertaken by the Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Family and Child Service, and the YM & YWHA. The Federation represents 49 Jewish women's organizations in Metro Toronto.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies' Night at Beth Sholom Synagogue is Saturday, Oct. 21. It will be in the form of an installation dinner and dance for officers of both the synagogue and the brotherhood. Being installed for a second term are Fred Grossman, as president of the congregation and Donald Latchman as brotherhood president.

FOR BARGAIN HUNTERS

Here's a chance to shop from morning till night. The Julius Bendit Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is presenting a giant bazaar and flea market at Victoria Hall, Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount, on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the sale of new and nearly new merchandise, homemade baked goods, and costume jewellery and flea market.

ANNUAL TEA

The Hebrew Weston Charitable Services raises funds for the kosher Meals-on-Wheels program through its annual tea. This year the tea is being held on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Shafran, 164 Old Forest Hill Rd. The organization also supplies kosher meals to Jewish patients at Weston Sanitorium and its extended care unit.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC

A reminder - The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Massey Hall under the sponsorship of the Canada-Israel Culture Foundation.

YIDDISH THEATRE

There will be only two Toronto performances of the Canadian Jewish Theatre Foundation production of **Sha, Sha, Der Shalom Gayt** (Sh! Sh! . . . Peace is Coming). The Yiddish comedy, to be shown Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Centre, is produced by Chaim Avron and stars Jewish humorist S. Dzigan.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Pioneer Women of Toronto undertook a two-day telethon and door-to-door canvas recently to interest women in their organization. Each new member and her sponsor are eligible for a draw on a free trip to Israel. The draw takes place at the national convention in Winnipeg this weekend.

Genya Intrator knows Soviets from experience

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

When Genya Intrator, the new chairman of the Women for Soviet Jewry says the Russians are closing in on their Jews and the education levy is just the first phase of a persecution campaign, she knows whereof she speaks. For the blonde, vivacious mother of two teenage daughters was ransomed out of Russia almost 40 years ago.

It was back in 1934 when her father, a chemical engineer in Moscow, was interned in a Russian concentration camp for Zionists. After a payment of $5,000 (a considerable sum in those days) by relatives in what was then Palestine, she and her parents were allowed to emigrate and join their family there. Mrs. Intrator and her husband, a dentist, came to Canada in 1950 when he enrolled in a post-graduate course in orthodontia at the University of Montreal.

Genya Intrator

Women for Soviet Jewry was started last year by Myra Sadowski and Harriet Cooper under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. (Mrs. Sadowski became involved through her son David who was then chairman of the Student Council for Soviet Jewry.)

The group initiated activities to make the community aware of the desperate situation. A sign-in was organized; a teach-in was programmed; parcels and money orders were mailed; telegrams were sent, and telephone calls were sponsored.

In response to the worsening situation of the Soviet Jews, the committee has become broader in scope and the emphasis is on action. The group will be working in the community at large in co-operation with the Student Council for Soviet Jewry as well as other organizations, under the umbrella of the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Pearlstone dies at 68

TORONTO –

Alexander Pearlstone, 68, lawyer and veteran Jewish community leader, died this week of a heart attack.

A 1926 Osgoode Hall graduate, he was active throughout his career in sports and community activities. Pearlstone was a life member of the board of directors of the YMHA.

At one time, he was president of the 'Y'. He was also on the Jewish Camp Council.

Pearlstone leaves his wife Sophie, daughter Zena and son Paul.

Candidates

TORONTO –

Students of Ner Israel Yeshiva met with candidates for York Centre Riding, Barry Swadron (P.C.), Michael Coleman (NDP) and James Walker (Lib.), answered the students questions on foreign policy and domestic economic issues.

Teacher Allan Gould, organizer of the all-candidates meeting says he feels that a parochial mind need not be the product of a parochial school. He hopes that "the boys will realize that politics affects them personally."

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Fashion Industry Bond Award '72 to Manny Kimel

Manny Kimel, prominent business and communal leader, has been singled out to be this year's recipient of the Fashion Industry Israel Bond Award at the Award Dinner on Sunday, November 12th, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. An impressive list of leaders in the women's apparel and fashion industry of Toronto are serving on the Tribute Committee for the Dinner which has a half - million - dollar target in Israel Bond sales. Shown here, left to right: Jack Kimel, Tribute Committee Chairman; Henry (Zett) Zagdanski, last year's award recipient and this year's Dinner Chairman; Manny Kimel, honoree; and Sam Brenman, Chairman, Fashion Industry Israel Bond Committee. Mr. Brenman will launch the series of advance receptions honoring Mr. Kimel on October 18th, at the Primrose Club.

Lawyers Active in Bond Drive

A top-level group of Toronto lawyers under the chairmanship of Sydney Robbins, Q.C. convened a planning meeting on October 4th to work out details of their direct participation as a professional division in the 1972 State of Israel Bond Campaign. Special Bond events under their sponsorship will be announced shortly. Seated, left to right: Jacie C. Horwitz, Q.C.; Nathan Strauss, Q.C., Dr. Henry Rosenberg, Q.C., Sydney Robbins, Q.C. Standing, left to right, Edwin Picnick, Q.C., Philip Band, Q.C., Robert R. Hall, Q.C., and Morris A. Cross, Q.C. (not shown Alvin Rosenberg, Q.C.).

Wax Brothers Honored

Dr. S. L. Wax

Ben Wax

Dr. Sydney L. Wax and Ben M. Wax will be jointly honored by Pride of Israel Synagogue at a Bond Award Dinner to take place on Tuesday, November 7th, at the synagogue. In conjunction with this event, Dr. Wax will host an advance reception for members and friends at his home on October 24th, and Ben Wax will do so on October 30th.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
Ben A. Himel Reception in conjunction with Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith event in his honor.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
Simon Slivka Luncheon in conjunction with Zaglembier Society Dinner in his honor.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24
Harry Lerman Reception in conjunction with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Dinner in his honor.

. . . about people

Miriam Schneid, teacher, poet and lecturer has been appointed school consultant for the Board of Jewish Education. In addition to serving as consultant to the afternoon schools and several of the day schools, she will be working with younger teachers in an advisory capacity. A graduate of the Mizrachi Teachers' Seminary and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where she grew up, Mrs. Schneid is also a prize-winning poet - one of her published volumes, **Ad Tom,** was awarded first prize by the Israel Association of Composers and Authors. The wife of Dr. Otto Schneid, former professor of art, history and architecture at Haifa Technion, she is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in Modern Hebrew Literature at Yeshiva University.

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A Torah, the gift of **Ann Climans** to the Hillel Foundation, was dedicated this past Wednesday afternoon in honor of the 78th birthday of Hillel founder **Jack Pearlstein,** who is also honorary chairman of the foundation's advisory board.

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Ben Kayfetz, popular executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee has been named acting executive director of the Central Region of Congress. Having worked with the joint committee for the past 25 years, Kayfetz is familiar with the program and proceedings of the region. He will also continue his regional and national duties in community relations work.

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Rabbi Yaacov Rone, who triples as spiritual leader, educational director and youth director of Congregation Or Shalom, London, Ont., has been appointed director of the department of youth activities, Eastern Canadian region, (from Montreal to London), United Synagogue of America, and director of Regional Youth Commission. Rabbi Rone had served as rabbi of Mosad Ahavah, a home for emotionally disturbed children from broken homes in Haifa, prior to his arrival in London three years ago.

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A double simcha was celebrated in Montreal recently when **Ella Shriar** celebrated her 75th birthday at a large family gathering and was honored for 50 years in practice as a pharmacist. Following a reception hosted by her son, Samuel, president of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, a special presentation was made to her at a luncheon tendered jointly by the College of Pharmacy and the Association of Professional Pharmacists. Also on hand for the happy event was son Rupert, director of social planning for the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

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Yiddish theatre enthusiasts will be delighted to know that veteran actor **Jacob Ben Ami** is returning to the footlights at the age of 82. He will be in the New York Second Ave. production of I. J. Singer's **Yoshe Kalbe.**

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British radio and television performer **Joy Hyman** will be in Toronto for a concert of **Jewish Songs from Many Lands.** This is the third North American tour for the mezzo-soprano folk-singer who accompanies herself on the guitar and sings in 33 languages, including Hebrew and Yiddish. The concert, sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, is on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 8:15 p.m. at the Temple.

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Sharp places Canada in forefront of nations combatting terrorism

Sometimes, the United Nations just doesn't seem very important. There is an air of unreality as statesmen play out games within games and engage in contests which only the best informed can follow.

Israel has found it increasingly difficult to abide by the UN's idiosyncracies. A coalition of Arab, African and Asian nations has consistently voted against her, regardless of the merits of the issue.

However, following the tragedy at Munich the issue of terrorism has become so important that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim felt compelled to "inscribe" the subject on the agenda. The debate that followed, to determine whether terrorism would even be discussed, was an intense procedural wrangle. The Arab nations sought to avoid the discussion because it was obviously pointed at them. The Africans were opposed because they did not wish to disclaim the right of colonial people to fight for their freedom.

Canada, under the leadership of Mitchell Sharp, minister for external affairs, has been deeply involved in the effort to deter terrorism. In particular, Canada has acted vigorously to prevent one of the major forms of terrorism - hijacking. Canada has sought to make hijacking illegal in the world community and is currently engaging in efforts to create bilateral agreements with other nations to extradite hijackers. Interestingly, one of the countries with which Canada is currently seeking agreement is Cuba.

Sharp also placed Canada in the forefront of nations seeking to outlaw terrorism in a stirring speech delivered recently at the UN. Sensing that terrorism was on the minds of all delegations, Sharp called on them not to be discouraged by the complexities of the issue, because the very survival of civilization was at stake.

"There must be no truce with terror," Sharp stated. "How can the world which has declared slavery, piracy and the drug traffic beyond the pale of civilized life fail to outlaw terrorism?" Sharp asked.

Addressing himself to the African nations, the minister disagreed with the notion that terrorism is excuseable or necessary to overthrow colonial and racist regimes.

"Terrorism in the end affects everyone," he said. "It is an attack on civilization at large. Violence breeds violence, murder answers murder and order dissolves in chaos."

The tragedy at Munich affected even the Soviet Union. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko surprised everyone with the strength of his condemnation of Arab terrorism. He declared his country opposes acts of terrorism which disrupt diplomatic activity of states and "which serve no positive end."

In spite of the forcefulness of Gromyko's statement, it should not have surprised anyone. His condemnation of terrorism was coupled with an equally vigorous attack on Israel for planning reprisals. Also, the Soviets have always been uncomfortable with terrorism. Lenin, even before the Russian revolution argued against the assassinations and bombings plotted by the anarchists as being romantic, futile and above all, "not serious." In a similar vein, the USSR has criticized acts of the terrorists while offering all aid to the Arab states.

In an ill-timed and ill-considered statement made at the torchlight ceremony which inaugurated the Canadian celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary, Hyman Bessin, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, criticized Canada for failing to break diplomatic relations with all countries harboring or supporting terrorist activities. He criticized Sharp for failing to include specific mention of the Arab states in his UN speech.

Bessin is entitled to criticize the Canadian government as frequently as he wishes, but on this particular occasion it was singularly inappropriate.

Present at the ceremony was Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote. As the invited representative of the Canadian government Cote was placed in an embarrassing dilemma. Subjected to criticism of his cabinet colleague, protocol would have compelled him to stand up and leave lest he seem to be participating in the attack. On the other hand, if he rose and left, he would be creating an unpleasant scene. Cote apparently did the most civilized thing; he stayed and feigned indifference.

All of us would wish that nations, particularly our own, could speak out unequivocally with no need to temper language or engage in compromises. However, experience has taught us that cutting diplomatic relations, ignoring the reality of power relationships and evicting nations from the UN serves no effective purpose.

Politics is the art of the possible and Canada's government has consistently done whatever was possible to express its friendship for Israel and the Jewish people. Sharp met with Gromyko on Sept. 28 and advised him of Canada's strong disapproval of the "head tax" or ransom the Soviets have imposed on Jews seeking exit visas. In reply, Gromyko insisted that the treatment of Soviet Jews was "an internal matter".

Nor is this an isolated act by Canada's government. Without fanfare, Canada has provided Israel with extensive financial credits, arranged for El Al landing rights and provided a variety of essential, non-military equipment. In the long run, Canada's friendship for Israel is best measured by such acts rather than the nuanaces of speeches at the UN.

Women rabbis will have to scale the high walls of sex prejudice

What is the world coming to, asks Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, when women suddenly reverse their age-old role and become rabbis! It's too much for the good rabbi who hails from that mecca of enlightment, Brooklyn, N.Y. He is executive vice-president of the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education.

Some months ago, we published an editorial on this fairly new phenomonen, and commented approvingly that an increasing number of our ladies will become ordained now that the ice has been broken. We liked the idea then, and we like it now, despite Rabbi Hecht's fulminations.

But while the ice may be broken, this is not to say that gentlemen of Rabbi Hecht's line of thought won't be giving women rabbis the frosty treatment. The rabbi writes what he calls a "provocative" column in a publication called **Focus**, and the use of this adjective constitutes one of the most masterly understatements of modern times. The rabbi is a sort of Jewish fundamentalist, a fire-eating traditionalist who is prepared to concede that women have a place in society, namely in the home raising children, cooking meals, attending to a husband's wants and generally effacing herself. He makes a big concession when he says that wives often have to work, but when they do, the family unit as it was once known no longer exists.

For a woman to be a rabbi "is almost as ridiculous as a woman tending a coke oven at Bethlehem Steel or trying to pitch for the New York Mets," asserts Rabbi Hecht. We don't know about Bethlehem Steel, but the Mets could do with some pitching help, even if it came from the throwing arm of a mere woman.

"What possible good are they doing for religion, except to contradict its basic tenets and to blaspheme it," says Rabbi Hecht. Strong stuff. But that's only the beginning. The defender of the rabbinate against feminine contamination goes on for a couple of thousand words in documenting the kind of bigotry all too prevalent in male domains.

If women were meant to be rabbis, why have the rabbis for more than 1,000 years been men? Why does not the bible mention women as religious leaders? Why do men and women sit in different sections of the synagogue? And on and on, ad nauseum.

These are the clinchers in the rabbi's argument. If the Almighty had meant women to be rabbis, He would have said so. (Something like, if the Almighty had wanted men to fly, He would have given them wings).

We don't question the rabbi's sincerity, nor do we dispute his assertions that there is much that is wrong with present-day society, notably the breakdown of marriage and the fragmentation of the family unit. But we do take strong issue with the rabbi's narrow analysis of modern life and his argument that women must be kept subservient to men; that women's liberation somehow is the symptom of a malaise and must be crushed.

Rabbi Hecht, unfortunately, represents the majority viewpoint on this continent. The women pioneers who make it to ordination will have to scale the wall of prejudice to get to another kind of Promised Land where sex discrimination is no more. That's quite a wall to scale. We wish them well.

Maryon Kantaroff, a well known leader in the Canadian women's liberation movement, stands before one of her sculptures installed in a suburban Toronto shopping centre.

WPA challenges tradition of male-dominated Commons

By MARYON KANTAROFF

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!"

Canadian women will soon realize just how scorned they have been as the role of women becomes evident in the upcoming Canadian elections.

Up to this year, women have accepted, with relative lack of concern, that our country was represented by 264 men sitting in Ottawa and only one woman. That solitary female MP belongs to one of our three male dominated parties, so in essence she owes allegiance to men or at least to male policies.

This year, the WPA - and for those that don't read the women's section of the papers, it means Women for Political Action - was formed. The organization came directly out of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and was formed to fight for the implementation of the commission's recommendations.

Even though our male-dominated government commissioned this report, in response to sustained pressure from women all over the country, it obviously had no intention of either implementing the recommendations or paying the slightest attention to them once they were published. They had made a gesture to the growing volume of women's discontent, and then turned their backs.

But the voice of discontent is rising in pitch. The WPA is now challenging the Canadian custom of a male-dominated House of Commons (funny they should call it a 'house', the place where the female traditionally holds power), by running two women as independent candidates in two Metro ridings.

Few feel that these women have any chance of being elected, but there is little doubt that they will achieve a great deal on behalf of women in this country. As female political power has always been directed to servicing the men running in the male-dominated parties, the two candidates do not have the backing of experienced female campaigners.

At the end of this election period, this situation will change. Those armies of women who have been working for the men, will start to feel like traitors - more accurately, they'll start to feel like the camp followers they really are. If nothing else is achieved, the independent women candidates will get the issues known and start exposing the appalling lack of consideration that both women and children receive from our male political world.

Without realizing it, the women who campaign for male candidates, are like Jews working for the Nazi party. In a recent questionnaire **Chatelaine** sent to every MP in Ottawa regarding their attitudes to women, one MP answered that he thought we needed officers in Manpower centres to 'counsel women on sex' and that we don't need more day-care centres but 'bigger and better whorehouses' and signed himself 'Joe Blow' from 'Scratch-Ass-Tickle'. This was the reply of an MP elected to represent the Canadian people - one half of whom are women.

The horrible truth is that this man does represent a large portion of the public - who see women as their servants with their prime function being to clean up after them, preferably without payment or with as little payment as necessary.

Why is it that the one third of our national labor force which is female averages one-quarter of male incomes? He can't be so unique, this MP who degrades women so vindictively, otherwise why does our government spend countless millions on every sort of project of great national importance like sending hockey players half way around the world to push around a little black puck and spends not one dollar on research into contraceptive devices that might save lives and protect the health of our women?

He can't be all that unique this man, when we are ready to spend millions on tying up our public networks watching men going through the rituals of war, called sports, while women are relegated to the commercial breaks in the guise of silly dollies doing their silly consuming thing. He can't be that unique when our government spends $2 billion a year on arms, while ignoring the needs of thousands of Canadian children who need day nursery care and he can't be that unique when we tolerate abortion laws that work for wealthy women who can pay sympathetic doctors but don't work for poor women who can't afford it. No, this MP is not unique in his blindness to vital issues.

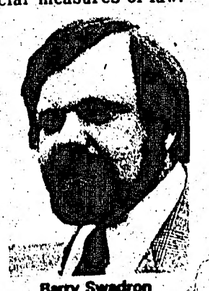
When WPA candidates Aline Gregory in Rosedale and Kay Macpherson in St. Paul's riding finish campaigning, more and more Canadians will become aware of the human issues that affect all of us, of just how sick our whole male society is and how scorned woman is in that society.

Ms. Maryon Kantaroff is a well known sculptor and women's rights activist.

How Israel treats handicapped

By BARRY SWADRON

A significant measure of a country's standing in the world community is its ability to look after those who for some reason are unable to look after themselves: as, for example, the mentally handicapped. We want to see these unfortunate live - as best as they can - a life which resembles a normal one. This may require special measures of law.



Barry Swadron

We must be cautious, however, to ensure that the special legal status for these people does not render them second-class citizens. The key is to support the handicapped and not to oppress them. A delicate balance is required. Many countries have not yet achieved this goal.

With this background, it never ceases to amaze me how successful the State of Israel is in looking after their handicapped. The Capacity and Guardianship Law passed by Knesset some 10 years ago is one that is studied by scholars in many nations. Judicially-supervised guardians are provided for those who by reason of mental illness or a defect of mind are incapable of looking after their affairs. To think that a nation as small as Israel, struggling for survival as it does, has managed to achieve what it has in this most difficult area of domestic social programming, is remarkable. Indeed, Israel has been a mainstay in the International League of Societies for the Handicapped, and can boast that Jerusalem was the site of that organization's worldwide congress a couple of years ago.

The praiseworthy posture of Israel in these matters may not, after all, be so surprising. Historically it has been a strength of the Jewish people to look after their own - and others - in need.

A fine illustration here in Canada is found in Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Blazing the way for North America, Rabbi Joseph Kelman of that congregation was in 1961 instrumental in establishing the Kadima (going forward) School for the retarded to serve the entire community. From its modest beginnings having an essentially religious flavor, it has grown now to embrace non-denominational participation and offers to the retarded programs such as arts and crafts, and hockey games and circus visits. Its outreach efforts include special provision for religious participation by institutionalized retardates on Passover, Sukkoth and Chanukah.

Because of the complex society in which we live, government and the voluntary and charitable organizations must, in such endeavors, work side by side. Helping programs are most important in institutions for the mentally handicapped, in prisons and penitentiaries, and in homes for the aged. It is a step in the direction of allowing the handicapped and disadvantaged the same options as we all have. We can take them or leave them. Surely there should be a similar and equal opportunity for all.

Barry Swadron, a lawyer, university lecturer, author, and consultant to governments, is the Progressive Conservative candidate for York Centre in the forthcoming federal election.

ask the rabbi

Why recitation of 'Be strong'

1. What is the point of reciting "Be strong, and let us be strong" when completing a Book of the Torah?

RESPONSE:

The Talmud (Berachot 32b) remarks that the Torah is one of the four things for which "strength" is needed, i.e. constant vigor and self-encouragement in its pursuit. The verse quoted in support is: "Only be strong and very courageous to observe to do according to all the law" (Joshua 1,7). Consequently, the phrase is recited aloud whenever a book of the Torah is completed, to express our firm intention to continue to read and study.

The expression used is: "Be strong and let us strengthen one another" because the members of a congregation are expected to think not only of their own spiritual welfare but to encourage one another to be loyal to Judaism's teachings.

2. What is Hafsakah; what is its significance and how is it calculated?

RESPONSE:

The term Hafsakah refers to the rule that on the fasts of the ninth of Av. and Yom Kippur it is necessary to refrain from food some time before the actual fast begins formally – hence the term Hafsakah (literally "cessation," i.e. from eating and drinking. The Hafsakah is calculated so as to take place just before sunset.

Reader corrects article in CJN

Dear Editor:

I should like to draw the attention of your readers to a serious inaccuracy in the story of my encounters with Soviet Jewry in **The Canadian Jewish News** of Friday, Oct. 6.

The original version of my interview with Mrs. Genya Intrator submitted to your newspaper presented the facts as follows:

I had stated that Dr. Kutcher (a pseudonym to protect the anonymity of the individual being described) was an assimilated Jewish scientist of stature who had no intention of leaving Russia.

On the other hand, when describing my encounter with Dr. Benjamin Levich, the internationally known electrochemist, I did not state that the Levich family has "no intention of leaving the country." The Levich family is currently engaged in a desperate struggle to emigrate to Israel. Jews all over the free world are aware of the plight of the Levich family and are actively working to bring about their emigration to Israel.

Somehow in your editing of the article, an error was made. I hope that this letter will help to clarify the situation for your readers.

Murray H. Freedman
Associate Professor of Biochemistry
Toronto

Opinion

Israel military VIPs join in Simchat Torah celebrations at a camp. Doing the traditional dancing with the Torahs are Maj.-Gen. David Elazar (right), chief of staff along with Army Chief Chaplain Mordechai Piron. A good time was had by all. (IPPA Photo)

Grossman interrupts campaign for 10-day visit to Soviet Union

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

TORONTO –

"Go and feel the fear for yourself" is the advice Larry Grossman has for Canadian Jews after a 10-day visit to the Soviet Union.

He went there out of political interest, hardly surprising for the son of Allan Grossman, Ontario's minister of revenue. He also wanted to cheer the Canadian team at the hockey games. But things didn't turn out quite like that.

"I could have enjoyed watching the game more at home in Toronto. The Russians didn't even allow their countrymen to hear us singing O Canada; they blocked it out on television," Larry said.

Lawrence Grossman – or Larry as he prefers to be called – is 28, and presently practicing law. That may not last long, since he is a candidate for Alderman in Ward 11, where he grew up. In this area, bounded by Glencairn, Yonge, St. Clair and Bathurst Streets, about a quarter of the residents are Jewish.

But Grossman says he wants his future constituents to "look at the total candidate, his platform, abilities, foresight, perceptiveness, drive, ambition; and then to conclude which candidate will be their strongest leader."

Lawrence Grossman

He plans to be an alderman who will do more than fix potholes. "Most of the issues we shall face in the next few years are not yet even known. I want to help shape the kind of city we want to live in, in 1982 or 1992," he said.

He favors orderly, planned development of available land, such as the abandoned Spadina Expressway, for parks, recreational centres, and playgrounds, available to all Metro citizens.

"I want a city with transportation and leisure-time facilities available to people no matter where they live in Metro. Why should a man have to get in his car and drive five miles to take his kid to play hockey at 7 in the morning because there is no other ice time available to him?"

Grossman is concerned with housing – and rightly so, as his father is responsible for the Ontario Housing Corporation.

"I would begin by rewriting our zoning by-laws to make them understandable to everybody, with realistic standards that can be met. I would permit housing only in accordance with new, upgraded standards, setting out where they shall or shall not be built."

Grossman said he went to Russia now, during campaign time, because after he gets elected, he may not have another chance for a long, long time.

"It was a frightening experience. The situation for Soviet Jewry is infinitely worse than I expected. It cannot be compared to the position of Jews in Arab lands where there is overt hostility. In Russia, Jews face an oppressive dictatorship, bearing down on them with greater pressure every day.

"We met Soviet Jews discreetly in public places or parks and we phoned them. One university mathematics professor had applied for an exit visa, and lost his job. He may have to spend the rest of his life as he was when we found him: reading simple books to the blind for 35¢ an hour.

"The government tax on Jews is an intolerable burden. First, you lose your job; then you wait months, maybe years before the government processes your visa. Even then, there is no guarantee that it will be accepted, so you lose your job anyway. And if it is accepted, you still have to raise the funds without work, without help, without hope.

"Soviet Jews know that the western governments won't support them. It is sad to see a Soviet Jew shrug his shoulders and say: 'It has been going on for five thousand years. Why should it change now? We just accept it and continue on as best we can.'"

Rural centre for addicts is hope of Callwood group

By AL WARSON

TORONTO –

Out of the ruins of Digger House may come a new and exciting venture on behalf of young heroin addicts.

Digger House, on Spadina Road north of Bloor Street, existed for four troubled, problem-beset years to aid young people who had nowhere else to go for help. Last February it closed, and the landlord, Metro Toronto, started legal proceedings to obtain back rent of $969.05.

June Callwood, Toronto writer - broadcaster, who more than qualifies as one the founders of Digger House, and Dr. John Rich, a distinguished psychiatrist, are being sued for damages amounting to $3,000.

The action of the municipality, denounced as callous, unfeeling and vindictive by many prominent Torontonians, has brought about the creation of a defence fund out of which will be paid the costs of any legal action.

But objections by citizens have been voiced so loudly that at the present time it looks as if Metro may cancel its suit. Metro has instructed its counsel to try and reach a settlement with Digger House out of court.

Whether there is any legal action or not, it is hoped to have enough money to help start a new type of residential centre for heroin addicts.

What Miss Callwood and friends of Digger House have in mind is a therapeutic community in a rural setting.

Here young heroin addicts could live, work and interact for three to six months, and return to the community free of the terrible burden of addiction, or at the very last-resort kids," said Miss Callwood.

Both Montreal and Vancouver have residential centres for heroin addicts and there is no reason why Toronto – with its growing population of addicts – shouldn't offer similar facilities, she said.

Miss Callwood said she has little faith in the list of so-called heroin treatment centres provided by the Ontario health ministry. The list includes treatment centres for emotionally disturbed children and a hostel for young drug users which, least, better able to cope with the problems that lead to addiction.

The defence fund committee includes lawyer Vincent Kelly, school board trustee Fiona Nelson, architect Colin Vaughan, former football player Mel Profit, now a TV sports director; author-broadcaster Pierre Berton and many others. Proposals for the new plan have been made to Ottawa with the hope of financial support.

"There is no place for heroin treatment in Toronto and, with Digger House closed, no place now for the in effect, is only a place to stay until they get a job or return to school.

That's what Digger House began as – a place to stay.

"We opened Digger House in 1968 and we attracted kids from all over Canada . . . with drug problems, suffering from malnutrition and even scurvy. Many of them were depressed and suicidal," she said.

"There was a lot of hostility against these kids. But, once we had a house, we had to pay $250 a month in rent which is comparable to commercial rents in the area."

Other non-profit organizations rent houses from Metro for the token sum of $1 a year.

"We managed to raise enough rent for six or seven months through private contributions and the help of churchs and synagogues. One of our biggest helpers was Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, not only in the rent money but through two of his congregants, Fred Zemans and Howard Perlmutter, who took an active part in Digger House. Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue also provided rent money for us."

Jewish Family and Child Services opened a trailer in Yorkville, that first summer, to serve as an information and referral centre for Digger House – a move that Miss Callwood credited for eventually transforming Digger House from a "crash pad" to a residential treatment centre.

Howard Perlmutter, who was closely associated with Digger House initially through Holy Blossom and later through the JFCS of which he is a board member, summed up the house's death with: "We ran out of money and a place to stay."

'Alert, hard-working alderman'

Booming Ben Nobleman earns high marks

By SOL I. LITTMAN

TORONTO

The telephone rings. You answer and without a "hello" or a "how are you?" a voice assaults you with "why aren't you writing anything about discrimination against Canadian talent by the CBC?" You know that Ben Nobleman, public relations counsellor, alderman, actor, organizer and opponent of the power structure is on the line.

Nobleman has frequently sought office. He ran unsuccessfully for the Toronto Board of Education in 1951 ("The Year Phil Givens was elected in Ward 5"). With equal lack of success he twice sought to become a city alderman and in 1956 ran for city Board of Control. ("I got over 10,000 votes and spent only $400.")

In 1966 he surprised everyone by being elected by a 500-vote majority in Ward 1, York.

"I was opposed by Jack Filkin who was supported by most of the establishment," Nobleman says.

Three years ago, he was re-elected by acclamation and is currently running for his third term.

To the surprise of many, Nobleman proved to be an alert, hardworking and knowledgeable alderman. . . . They were surprised because Nobleman has always had difficulty getting people to take him seriously. As a gangling youth, Nobleman tried for a fast start in the risky field of public relations. He promoted concerts for singers Richard Tucker, and Jan Peerce. In 1951 Upper Canada Lodge B'nai B'rith put on a show starring Eddie Cantor and Nobleman did the public relations.

One of Nobleman's greatest treasures is a photograph showing him posed with Lorne Green (who was the M.C.) and Cantor. In the picture, youthful Nobleman (he was 26 at the time) is wearing the mustache he hoped would make him look older and thereby taken more seriously.

His eagerness to run for office, his readiness to detect plots directed against him, and his booming, aggressive voice all contributed to this feeling. But increasingly, people began to realize that in spite of their condescension, Nobleman advocated Canadian content on television before the issue became popular and that he opposed the Spadina Expressway long before the anti-pollution forces got organized.

Nobleman's major concern with the expressway is the loss of four million in taxes to the Borough of York as the result of the expropriation of 265 homes in his ward.

He said: "The province should either finish it to the Gardiner or else close it at the 401. It cannot be ignored that there is a serious traffic problem in Northwest Toronto."

Further, he believes that the rapid transit line should go down Bathurst Street. "If they build it in the ravine there won't be enough passengers and it will bankrupt the TTC."

Nobleman claims his ward has suffered most from governmental indecision on the Spadina Expressway. "There are still 93 homes expropriated by Metro that are being rented out. They are in such poor repair that they are creating near slum conditions in a fine residential area."

The alderman is uncertain about his party affiliation. He explained, "I resigned from the Liberal Party 14 years ago because the party refused to pass a resolution I introduced calling for free passage of Israeli shipping in the Suez Canal."

The world of public relations and politics have hardly made Nobleman rich. "I wouldn't have any problem making full disclosure of my property holdings. I have 1/2 acre of swampland in Florida with a few alligators."

Nobleman claims his greatest experience was hearing David Ben Gurion speaking on behalf of UJA in 1967. His most disappointing experience was his failure to get the Conservative nomination in York, Forest Hill four years ago.

"I would have had a chance to run against Phil Givens," he said. "Instead they chose Barry Lowes."

What is a practising Jew?

By J. B. SALSBERG

It is something new in our North American Jewish vocabulary, this designation of people as being "practising" or "non-practising" Jews. I consider these terms to be totally meaningless verbal tags to attach to anyone. The sooner we drop them from our lexicon, the better it will be for any meaningful discussion of problems relating to Jewish identity.

For uncounted ages the question of Jewish identity was the simplest of questions to answer. A Jew was a Jew because he was a Jew and that was that. Of course life was simpler in those periods and the divisions – social, religious and national – were deep and seemingly endless. But the explosive destruction of most ancient barriers – economic, social and civil – over great stretches of the world has, in its course, altered or eliminated many of the old concepts, customs and social institutions that served an earlier era. It stands to reason that the Jews who lived in such a changing world were not immune to the changes.

It thus became logical to differentiate the new variations that sprung from the earlier, homogeneous base. Marked differentiations developed in the Jewish religious area and a highly variegated Jewish secular sector also came into being. Under such changed conditions it became reasonable to categorize the different components of the Jewish whole. One might be an Orthodox Jew, a Conservative or Liberal (reform) Jew or, at the other end, an agnostic or even atheist Jew. One must acknowledge this reality of Jewish life today without necessarily approving one or another of the branches that sprang from the ancient tree of Jewish life.

Now, a member of a Reform Temple would surely consider himself a "practising" Jew. But it is no secret that some ultra-Orthodox Jews refuse even to enter a Reform temple for the purpose of performing any religious service.

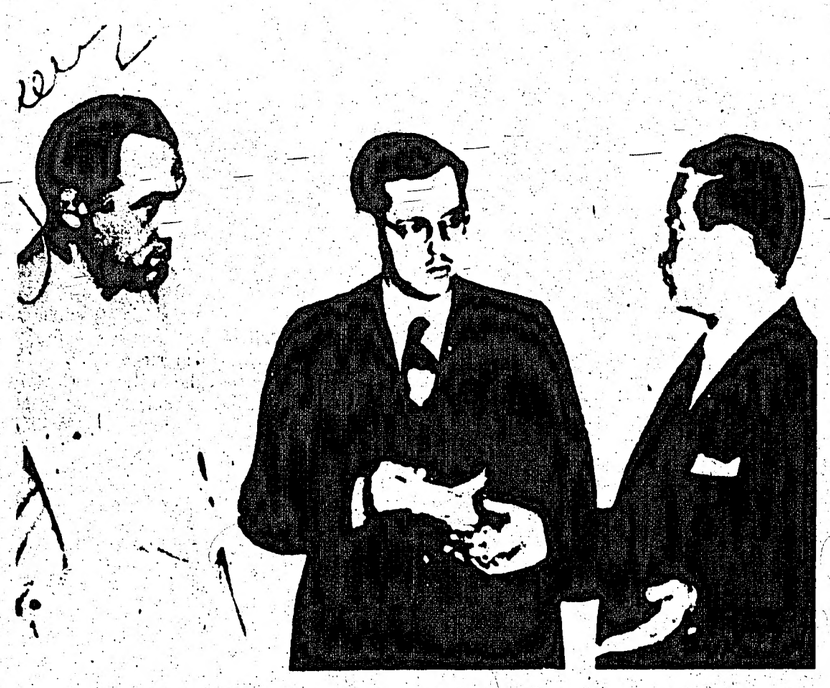
Members of Conservative synagogues would angrily reject any suggestion that they are not "practising" Jews. But it is known that a leading authority on Halachic law in the U.S. advised an enquirer to pray at home during the High Holy days rather than attend services in a Conservative synagogue; the only Jewish place of worship in his community. A follow-up enquiry as to whether it would be appropriate to enter the Conservative place of worship solely for the purpose of hearing the blowin, of the Shofar also brought a negative reply from the rabbi who is, unquestionably, a towering scholar and authority in the world of Jewish religion today. Nor can he be classified as a fanatic. He is not, but he is a strict interpretor of Halachic law. In the face of such an interpretation of Jewish religious practices, who is and who is not a "practising Jew"?

I suspect that the run of the mill user of this ambiguous label thinks in terms of synagogue affiliation or attendance. In that case such a labelling practise would exclude some of the most prominent Jews and vast numbers of less prominent Jews from the roster of "practising" Jewry. What is worse, it would include in such a roster countless numbers of people who do not deserve to be included since, though "belonging", violate essential principles of Judaism.

And besides: Were Herzl, Nordau, Borochov, Zhabotinsky, Ben-Zvi and scores of other founders of political zionism "practising" Jews or not? I doubt whether they "belonged".

Are Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan, Ben-Aharon, Abba Eban and scores of others of their stature and importance "practising" Jews or not? Has any one checked where they "belong?"

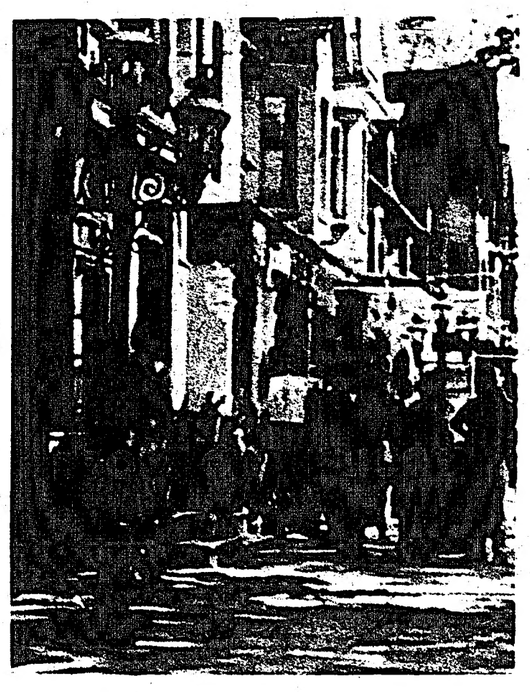
It is a thoughtless vulgarization to categorize Jews as being "practising" or "non-practising". The historic Jewish tree has many branches and one may have preferences, of course. But don't ask me whether one is a "practising" or "non-practising" Jew or I will ask you quite bluntly: what such a one practises. In altogether too many instances that question had better not be asked. . . .



In February, 1951, Lorne Green (left), Ben Nobleman and Eddie Cantor get together at B'nai B'rith sponsored concerts. Green was M.C. and Nobleman was publicity chairman.

Markham Street

Exciting area for art, antiques



Markham Street

By SHARON BROWN

Marked by its old world gas coach lamps and talkative, amiable shopkeepers, Markham street is ideal for afternoon strollers or those interested in the exciting and unusual in art and antiques.

"The Plantation", an antique store run by Tom Keeling, has a wealth of small items including jewelry, silver, ivory and early porcelain as well as distinctive collections of colored glass, oriental curios and English and Canadian paintings.

For wallcoverings, imported tiles or interior design, "Dodo's" is the shop to visit.

Sally Shull of the "House of Markham", an interior decorator and consultant, deals in the unusual and specializes in accessories. Some of the most unique items are large Tiffany-type domes, a bronze and cloisonne vase dating circa 1814 and a delicate French lamp with a double embossed glass shade in muted tones of green, rose and yellow.

In complete contrast to "The House of Markham" is "Bryna's Boutique", a chaotic, fun shop to explore. Bryna Freeman collects everything – glass, brass, silver, paintings, prints and frames. There is even a rack of sample clothes which appeals to many of Bryna's visitors.

Noteworthy curios include a variety of musical instruments – a French horn, a balalaika and a dulcimer.

For collectors of the bizarre, there is a Heinzman gramophone dating circa 1920.

Pine furniture is the specialty of "Winterhalter Antiques Ltd." Mr. Winterhalter pointed out an extraordinary small size mushroom settee dating circa 1840, a pine, butternut and chestnut hutch and pine framed mirrors. The shop is also complemented by a series of botany prints, Canadian and American pressed glass goblets and mercury glass. The rustic quality of "Winterhalter Antiques Ltd." is a perfect setting for the furniture and other antiques exhibited.

I took a nostalgic look into the history of the movies and comic strip heroes when I entered "Memory Lane". Captain George Henderson deals in "disposable culture", anything made of paper. His prices vary with age and collectability. Most of the magazines date before 1945. It seems that the old movie magazines are the biggest sellers. Posters of the movies and movie stars fill the shelves. New to the shop are glossy posters of ads taken from the magazines.

Is this one step beyond Andy Warhol's Pop Art?

There is a valuable batch of comic books of all the popular old time heroes such as Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. "Memory Lane", a one of a kind shop in Canada, is a refreshing experience.

Sam Vinegar's "Art Accents" promotes a "do-it-yourself" painting and antiquing campaign. He provides unfinished plaster plaques, heads, figurines, statues and frames for people to design with special paints and brushes. There are free lessons to learn the techniques of this art. One of "Art Accents" main aims is to teach the people from various institutions and organizations to paint and antique these plaster casts.

but now deals in furniture, glass and chandeliers. There is still a large quantity of silver amid the commodes, chest o' drawers and blanket chests. The Danish pine furniture is of greatest interest.

The "Journey's End Antiques", run by Brian Dodge, used to specialize in silver

Betty Engel of "Betty Engel Antiques" prefers china and brass. However, she still includes some furniture, silver, glass and pewter in her varied assortment of curios. Novelty items include a brass sealing wax melter and a brass flying squill horn from a motor bike dating circa 1905.

Another shop which carries all sorts of curios is "Doris Robertson Antiques". Doris Robertson deals primarily in china and glass. She has fine collections of cranberry and satin glass. There is also some pine furniture. On display is a butternut desk dating circa 1850.

Tony Trainor of "Heirloom Antiques" has an interesting assortment of furniture. A five piece bedroom suite, very squarish and cubic-like in design is one of his most unique groupings.

Among the distinctive shops in the "Markham Street Village" is the distinctive French restaurant "L'Escargot". A gourmet's delight, this restaurant has a diversified menu and a liquor licence. "L'Escargot", open from noon to 1 a.m. serves some highly delectable foods. The atmosphere is very European.

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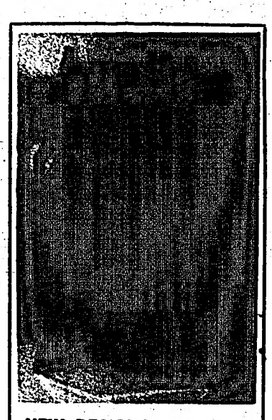

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"In the suburbs of Boston, the best places in which to look for Jacobean sideboards and cupboards that came over in the 'Mayflower' are found to be the hen-yards, the closets and drawers having been for years given over in free-simple to the fowl. Several handsome oak cupboards that now adorn pretty Boston dining rooms had to be feathered and singed before they could be made presentable. The way in which they have stood this usage is creditable to their makers; so far from being hurt by it, they are really improved by their adventures. . . . They are well seasoned; they have a good healthy color, and their angles are enough rubbed down to take away the disagreeable look of newness which troubles us in things just out of the shop. . . ."

Mr. Cook seems to be the first American to come forth as an authority on precontemporary furniture.

They've been coming ever since. Wallace Nutting, an erstwhile preacher - photographer - entrepreneur - antiquarian, reigned as the dean of American antiques shortly after the turn of the century. He claimed, "It was the weather that drove me indoors and started me to studying and recording the beauty of old American homes during the Colonial period. I wanted to show what those lovely homes of the first Americans were like, and I tried to find houses that were typical of that time. But nowhere could I discover these. If the house was right architecturally, the furniture was all wrong. And I couldn't say to the obliging mistress of the dwelling, 'Madam, your house and your furniture don't go together. Do you mind if I move everything out in the yard and take a few pictures of the bare rooms?'" Nutting published his three-volume **Furniture Treasury** in 1936, a standard reference which has been frequently reprinted.

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Tiffany masterpieces rare collectors items

By LINDA OGNER

Discussing signed Tiffany art glass Ray Irving of Ward-Price Ltd. says, "They're worth two or three hundred times the price of comparable pieces, but there are no comparable pieces."

This would not only have pleased Louis Comfort Tiffany – he would have thought it his due.

The son of Charles L. Tiffany, the founder of the famous Tiffany Jewellers of New York City, was an autocratic perfectionist, a nonconformist and a total romantic in his tireless quest for beauty.

There was no art form to which he did not apply himself with great flair and elegance. As New York's most fashionable designer he produced fabulous interiors, designing everything from wall papers to fireplace tiles. It is for his glass, however, that he is remembered today. The artistic success of Tiffany glass was the result of Tiffany's interpretations of Art Nouveau and the great skill of his glass craftsmen. Jealously guarded formulas and daring experimentation resulted in the glorious irridescent colors and improbable designs which made Tiffany a generic term.

Irving cautions the would be collector of Tiffany glass to remember that even in its day there were no bargains in Tiffany ware. Louis Tiffany destroyed masterpieces or gave them to museums rather than reduce the prices, which were beyond the means of the average person.

The following clip from The Complete Antiques Price List tells the story:

Tiffany, Water Goblet, Intaglio Leaves, Gold Irridescent, $2,000; Tiffany, Vase, Bubbly Water, Floral, Aqua 6-1/2 inches, $2,500; Tiffany, Lamp, Poppy, Favril & Bronze, $3,100.

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Learning about antiques

An upsurge of interest in antiques in the 1920's and the availability of a responsible magazine for the dissemination of information prompted a new colony of writers. The American Wing opened at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1924 and other museums occasionally displayed early American furniture. Henry Ford collected pieces for his Museum and Greenfield Village during the Twenties, and restoration of Colonial Williamsburg was begun in 1926.

Still there was little get-back-to-the-Greek research and writers tended to rephrase each other. Richard Townley Haines Halsey, instigator of the Metropolitan's American Wing, taught classes in American applied arts at St. John's College during the 1930's. **Spinning Wheel** and **The Antiques Journal** were first published in the 1940's. And in 1952, the University of Delaware in collaboration with the Winterthur Museum offered the first graduate program leading to a Master of Arts degree in the field of early American arts. Since then, other institutions have offered similar programs and many museums periodically schedule lecture series. Even so, today the field still offers some of the best opportunities for the self-trained expert.

So how does one become, if not an authority, at least conversant about furniture styles? For one thing, he reads a lot. He searches out old catalogues and periodicals and stocks current books and articles. He compares and challenges. He visits museums and touches (while its frowned upon) and challenges. He challenges particularly those things that are "attributed to." Also he studies, perhaps with a grain of salt, those model rooms that museums are prone to compose periodically and the period homes that state historical societies are wont to restore.

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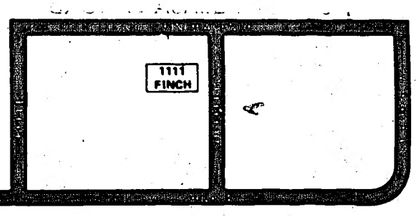

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Catering to every taste in art and to every pocketbook the galleries of Toronto offer a wide range of art: oils, watercolors, graphics, handicraft: weaving, hangings, sculpture, eskimo art and reproductions of originals.

The area between Avenue Rd. and Davenport which contains Cumberland, Yorkville and Scollard Streets, abounds in elegant established antique stores, art galleries and interior designers, like Marlborough-Godard, Gallery Moos, Stanly Wagman and Clive Kahn Interiors, to name but a few. The area, formerly a hippy haven, cluttered with both authentic street people and inauthentic gawkers, has now ended its transitional phase and caters to a fairly affluent sophisticated person who ranges in his tastes from the classical to the avant-garde, from Canadiana to ethnic – foremost of which is the Peking Gallery on Yorville which has a fascinating display of Mandarin chests and porcelaine. Even some of the 'kids' of a few years ago have returned to set up shop alongside some of the old-timers. Steptoe & Wife, run by Marna and Bernie Snitman, is an adventuresome, side door, up a short stair-case, antique store, just off Avenue Road specializing in grandfather clocks. Tom Hirsh, a discriminate collector of world art and artifacts, Oxfam – a non-profit store selling the craft of underdeveloped countries in order to help these countries, Starting Artists, displaying the excellent work of talented young artists, are but a few of the new places that make the Yorkville-Avenue Road area an exciting place to visit.

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Mt. Pleasant is no slouch either. I experienced the biggest belly flop of my life in Here and Now environments. I couldn't resist diving onto the inviting waterbed, which Klause claims is the be all and end all in sleeping comfort.

The World of Difference on Mt. Pleasant, a non-profit shop devoted to promoting arts and crafts, is run by two enthusiastic busy people – the Burns, who happily enough are burning their trail across Canada with their Kimmark candles. The Burns also promote the craft of young artists so if you are doing things or are interested in starting some craft, talk to them.

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Minimal art-complex statement

Wandering into an art gallery on a Saturday afternoon you may become aware of the peculiar emptiness of the exhibit hall. On the floor are a series of grey rectangles outlined by tapes. The walls contain a number of metal squares, crimped along the edges. Some plastic tubes grace one corner and in another, a bag of potatoes, burst open by the sprouting plants, leans near a group of casually scattered steel rods normally employed in reinforcing concrete.

In another room, painted a stark white, nothing exists except a string which stretches diagonally from corner to corner. Around the corner, two plywood planks painted to a high gloss lie inert.

This is the world of minimal art. This is a world which has aroused in many viewers a response of "So what!" and in others a feeling of rich excitement.

"The best thing about a minimal art show," one critic commented, "is that you can see the whole thing in five minutes and leave."

Others, confronted with the enormous simplicity of the art, have found it necessary to sit pensively and "stare down" a show until the artist's complex meaning reveals itself to them.

The minimal style, particularly in sculpture, employs scale as an artistic element. Size, sheer size, becomes important. An enamelled metal cube may not be impressive when it is six inches high, but a similar cube, sixteen feet high and balanced on one of its corners has a totally different effect.

But size alone is not the only aspect of scale explored by artists. In order to succeed, the forms must appear to expand and act aggressively on the space around them. They must seem to compress that space so that an inert object appears to be exerting force.

One of the great international architects, wearied of the useless ornamentation that characterized architecture in previous periods, expressed his own credo in the statement, "Less is more."

In the same way, the minimalist are attempting to strip art of the purely decorative. They are seeking to discover the tensions inherent in shapes and in materials. They seek to create patterns as simple as that of the swept sand found in classic Japanese gardens. Instead of a solitary pine tree to fill the eye, two intersecting planks are called upon to make the statement.

If the minimal artist's intentions are subtle, abstract and unemotional, he is following one of the honored traditions of Western thought. Plato sought to abstract the essential quality of an idea into something recognizeable as an ideal.

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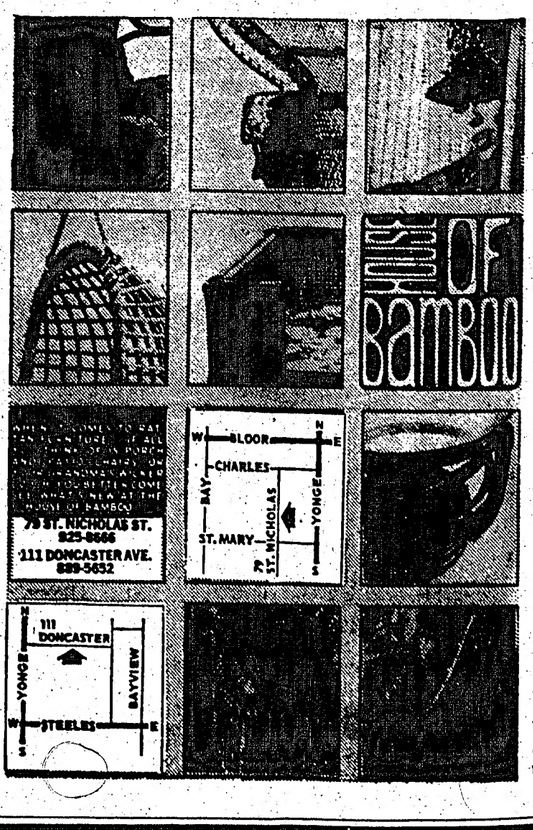

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Bonds for Israel are the "In" thing for 1972 for members of Toronto's women's apparel and fashion industry, and Manny Kimel is their "Man of the Year" who will be award recipient at the industry's annual Israel Bond Dinner being held on November 12th at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Industry leaders serving on the tribute committee include those shown here, standing, left to right: Jack Kimel, Chairman, Tribute Committee; Harry Clairmont, representing the International Ladies Garment Union; Henry (Zett) Zagdanski, Dinner Chairman; Harry Frank, Vice-President, State of Israel Bonds of Canada; Manny Kimel, Award Recipient; Hyman Sugar, Sam Brenman, Chairman, Fashion Industry Bond Chairman; Jack Swartz. Seated, Irving Cordes, Executive Director, Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers Guild, Inc.

NDP not inactive over Jewish issues, Lewis says

By BRIAN STONEMAN

TORONTO –

It is better for a non-Jew to speak about Jewish problems because it is more effective in parliament, NDP party leader David Lewis said this week.

Speaking to about 120 persons who attended an election rally at the Borochov Centre in Downsview Sunday, Lewis was expressing concern over rumors he believes are circulating which discredit the NDP by saying it is inactive over Jewish issues.

Lewis said he is "proud of the NDP position on Israel because its been a sound one which has coincided with that of Israel. There is no one in Canada who has fought so tenaciously for Jewishness," he added.

This was agreed to by Max Federman, president of the United Poale Zion Party of Canada, which sponsored the rally.

"The NDP is the best friend of the Jewish people in Canada," he said. "When it comes to the basic question of human freedom and social justice, who is better suited to solve the problems of Jewish immigrants than David Lewis, who is an immigrant himself?"

One example of the coinciding positions of the NDP and Israel, according to Lewis, is that both feel Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories it has occupied since the Six Day War "should only take place as part of a peace settlement."

He also said he cabled Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir within hours of the Munich crisis but because he was in the air at the time, he still was too late to receive press coverage. It's not fair of people, he felt, "to thus jump to conclusions and assume I was inactive."

In reply to charges Lewis said he receives of criticizing Canada when he criticizes the government, he said, "I'm not criticizing Canada. Canada is my country by choice; not once but twice.

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"When I was in Israel a month before the June war," he continued, "I asked what kind of a hero I would be if I brought back one of the Great Lakes and placed it in the desert."

Three conventions all at same time

Three conventions taking place at the same time is a rich banquet which members of the Jewish communities won't be able to partake of fully. Geography and timing make it almost impossible for anyone to attend more than one of the three.

The Canadian Zionist Federation is holding their third biennial convention in Ottawa the weekend of Oct. 27-30. The Women's Canadian ORT 12th biennial convention is in Winnipeg Oct. 28-31, and the Great Lakes Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs meets in Buffalo Oct. 27-29.

About 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the CZF convention at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier. A special Sabbath program with Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, associate director of the Aliyah department in Jerusalem, will precede the convention opening. Among those addressing the convention will be Israel political commentator Major-General Chaim Herzog; Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation; Professor Allan Pollock, World Zionist Organization executive; Professor Mervin Verbit of Brooklyn College; and Ezra Shapiro, world chairman of Keren Hayesod. An Israeli festival of Chassidic songs will be featured honoring Israel's 25th anniversary.

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Max Miller, 78, aims to beat record

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –
Max Miller, 78, has been a top volunteer worker for the metropolitan division, the largest in the Combined Jewish Appeal, because "it's in my blood."

For more than eight years he has been making a record number of telephone calls, "about 650 a year, day and night," to prospective contributors, and this year he aims to break his own record for the annual fund raising drive.

"No one is ever angry whether I phone early or late," he said, "because each person I talk to recognizes the very real purpose of my call."

A salesman – retired from the garment industry 10 years ago – Max lives with his wife, who he married a year ago, in a modest Cote des Neiges apartment.

When calling, he explains the purpose of the Combined Jewish Appeal, describing the distribution of funds raised and the allocations for the agencies supported by Allied Jewish Community Services.

"When I say Israel Emergency Fund, it usually wakes them up."

Many of the cards Max receives he jokingly calls "detective work" since he will often have to trace a person to a new place of residence.

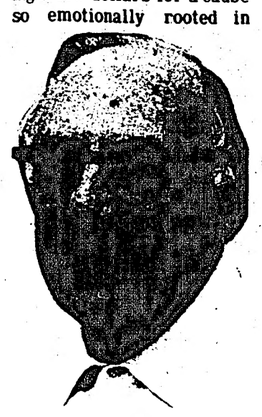
"Many of the volunteers who come down to Combined headquarters during the campaign don't have the time to go searching a person's new phone number, so I do it," he remarked.

Sometimes he begins his calls at 7:30 in the morning before a contributor leaves for work, and in the evenings he calls from 7:30 until 11:00 o'clock.

"But I slow down around 7:30," he said, smiling.

After he retired, Max joined the Golden Age Association, and when the organization formed its 12-group volunteer force for the Combined Jewish Appeal, he was the first chairman.

The senior citizens, sparing a few dollars for a cause so emotionally rooted in them, raised their contributions 25% during the five years Max was chairman, making them "part of the Jewish community both as recipient and as giver."



Max Miller

Two years ago Max was a demonstrator, and participated in a "sit-in" at the Montreal City Hall to protest the high costs of transportations for the elderly.

But time was wearing on, and Max wanted to return to his evening list of calls. As this reporter was leaving he could be heard saying, "hello, my name is Max Miller, and I'm phoning because. . . ."

Education conference to be first of its kind

MONTREAL –
Despite the apparent lack of real involvement from the Canadian welfare organizations, a national education conference – scheduled for early December – is determined to seek solutions for the problems preventing Jewish education from taking its rightful place in Jewish life.

The two-day conference in Toronto is sponsored jointly by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the Canadian Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"The aim of the conference," said Rosa Finestone, chairman and acting principal of the Solomon Schechter Academy, "is to have educators and involved lay people meet to discuss such problems as teacher education, national standards, curriculum, parental attitudes, and funding."

The conference is the first of its kind ever to be held in Canada, and is the result of a resolution passed at the Congress Plenary Assembly last November. The meeting is the Congress' first visible attempt to move into the educational arena on the national level.

Sources close to the conference planning committee say the involvement of the welfare funds is "merely on paper."

"The conference will not produce any resolutions," said Mrs. Finestone. "It will be more of a think-tank kind of operation with a sharing of experiences."

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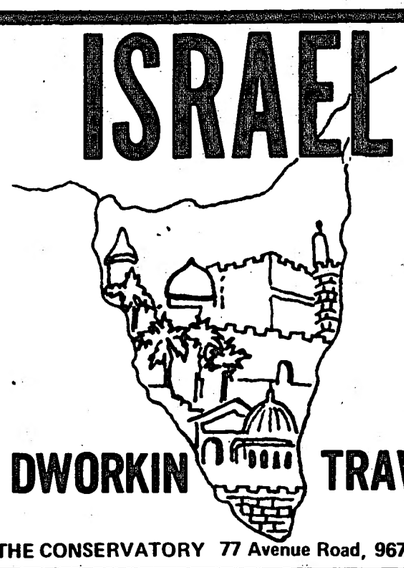
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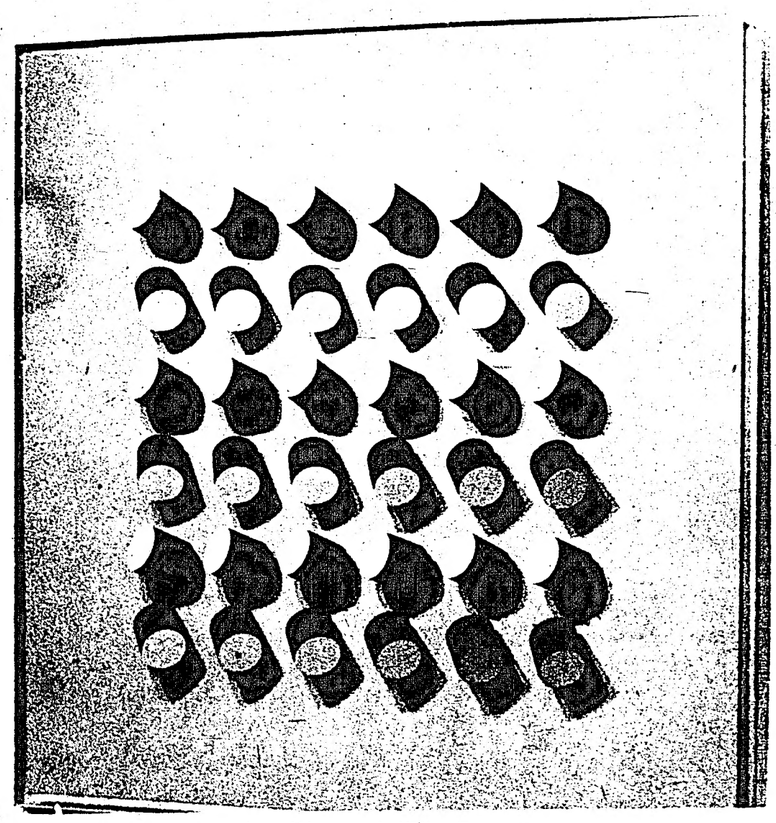

Leo Klausner's "The Fugue"

New exhibit of wall sculptures allows the viewers to become creative participants in art

By RAY SHANKMAN

Art in revolution, involving the viewer as participant, creator, is currently displayed at an exhibition of exciting painted wall sculptures at the new Estee Gallery (198-1 2 Davenport Road near Avenue Road).

This exhibit, called "The Fourth Dimension", involves the viewer in both visual and tactile areas. As the viewer touches the three-dimensional wall sculpture, consisting of spheres, cubes or cylinders which are connected to a back board by means of dowels, he can rotate them into virtually unlimited combinations. Thus the viewer becomes a creative participant in Leo Klausner's art and shares with the artist the act of creation, which is helped by the intimate atmosphere of the gallery itself.

"We experience the phenomenon of change constantly," says Leo Klausner. "In art this phenomenon provides an additional dimension - the fourth - in which viewers may themselves participate in creation by changing patterns and constellations at will to suit their own imaginations."

Leo Klausner is an articulate man with a past. Born in Kharkov, Russia, in 1920, he came to Cracow, Poland where he studied art, architecture and music. He continued his studies in 1939 and 1941 in Lwow and Tashkent, Central Asia, where he also worked as an artist and musician.

Travelling extensively through Central Asia and the Middle East, he arrived in Israel in 1944 where he settled and worked as an industrial designer, painted and sculpted. From 1958 to 1967 Klausner resided in Europe and North America and in 1968 he emigrated to Canada. He now lives in Toronto with his wife and two sons and his works are in many private collections in Europe, Israel and the United States.

Want Soviet Jewry to be political issue

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

A new organization has been formed to pressure Canadian political parties on the question of helping Soviet Jews.

About 100 persons including Liberal MPs Ian Wahn and Robert Kaplan were at the organizing meeting last Sunday of the Canadian Friends of Soviet Jewry at the Primrose Club. The nucleous of the new group is made up of 25 persons who went to Russia for the recent Canada-Soviet hockey matches.

Wayne Tanenbaum, one of the leaders of the group, said his organization feels "not enough has been done to help Soviet Jews. Our group will bring pressure to bear on political parties to get commitments that they will appeal directly to the USSR government on behalf of Soviet Jews."

Tanenbaum, 43, vice-president of Runnymede Developments Corp., said the group will have offices at 45 Wellington St. W. Later this week they were to meet leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress and then form a planning committee.

The new group includes Christians and a number of persons long involved in the cause of Soviet Jewry, said Tanenbaum.

Ben Kayfetz, Congress Central Region acting executive-director, told **The CJN** "that Congress expects the new group will work closely with it."

Tanenbaum, who was harassed by Soviet police during his USSR visit, said the group wants to get commitments directly from party leaders. He and some friends brought prayer books, chai pins and Hebrew - Russian dictionaries into the USSR knowing it is an illegal act.

Although he knew he was risking trouble from the Soviet police, the Toronto businessman felt he had to do something for Russian Jews.

Congress supplied Tanenbaum and other hockey fans on the trip with materials to bring into the Soviet Union. Much of it was carried in the suitcases of gentile friends. Soviet officials didn't look into his bags because he was with the Team Canada tour, said Tanenbaum.

But it was an entirely different situation when he was leaving Russia 10 days later. He had been followed by Soviet police since his second day in the country.

At the airport, he was taken into a room and had all his luggage searched over and over again. All film and tape recordings were confiscated by police.

He said he was then quizzed by five security men about his activities. "My mouth got so dry during the questioning I could not swallow," he recalled.

However, Tanenbaum managed to smuggle out notes of his meeting with Soviet Jewish activists who advised world Jewry not to pay the head tax.

If all obstacles were lifted and no pressures applied either way, one to two million Jews would leave the Soviet Union in a few years, Tanenbaum was told by activists. There are an estimated three million Jews in the USSR.

He reported that the Jewish material situation is "quite tolerable by local standards. There is not much immediate danger if they don't stick their necks out."

But activists said anti-Semitism is on the increase and universal frustrations are driving Jews to try to emigrate.

They feel the Soviet government wants to get the bulk of Jews out of the country, but do it gradually, he continued. And they said the government there is swayed by world opinion and urged more pressure be put on the Soviet government regarding the head tax.

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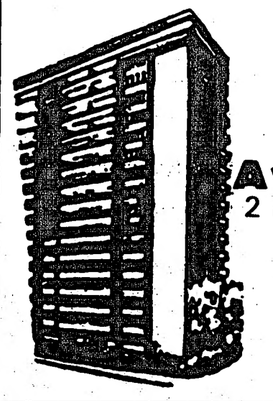

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Producers fail to notice ethnic self-authenticity

By RICK KARDONNE

Why is there no contemporary Jewish theatre in North America comparable to the Black or Puerto Rican theatre scene in vitality?

Theodore Bikel, recently interviewed by **The CJN**, said that many of the largest theatre entrepreneurs in New York, who are Jewish, simply refuse to risk one penny on the Jewish stage, be it Yiddish or English-language plays dealing with Jewish themes.

For example, David Merrick, who is Jewish and the largest producer in New York, has recently established the **David Merrick Foundation** whose specific purpose is to finance plays which will probably not make money but which will be culturally and intellectually provocative.

Yet even here, in an operation deliberately not meant to be profitable, Merrick will not produce any work with a specifically Jewish theme. Bikel admits that **Fiddler** and **The Rothschilds** are Westernized watered - down versions of the Jewish experience, but that Chaim Potok's **My Name is Asher Lev**, which is authentic Jewish literature of the highest level, has been a bestseller for some time now. This, in his mind, proves that the real thing does sell.

Nevertheless, Merrick and others like him refuse to show any interest in anything authentically Jewish (unless it is the Neil Simon self-depracatory schlemiehl variety). In response to a question concerning the distribution of Israeli cinema, Bikel said that no Israeli film has received proper American distribution. (Congratulations to Channel 79 - Toronto for screening **The Dreamer** on October 4.)

Paradoxically the American melting pot ideal espoused by Merrick et al has been totally discredited within the past few years by thinkers on both sides of the border. In fact, the concept is being replaced by a newer American social idea more along the principle of the "Canadian mosaic". This new outlook calls for ethnic self-authenticity on the part of all American ethnic groups.

Spiro Agnew, Bikel pointed out, besides being wrong and repressive, betrays this new American fabric by trying to be suqer-Wasp while in truth he is Greek. More and more people are realizing that an authentic Jew, and for that matter, an authentic Black, Italian or Wasp is a much more meaningful thing to be.

Is there an authentic Jewish cultural renaissance? Yes there is, according to both Bikel and Dov Noy, Jewish folklorist at the Hebrew University. Bikel informed me of two educational enterprises, both in their infant stage, which are pointing to new directions: (1) a Yiddish theatre course at Queens College, taught by Professor Joseph Landis and aided by actress Ida Kaminska; and (2) a Jewish English-language theatre in Boston. Both of these enterprises are running on shoestring budgets. But they prove that the seeds of an authentic grass-roots cultural renaissance are germinating.

Next week, I shall reveal, according to both Bikel and Dov Noy, what is happening specifically in this renaissance, and why it is in dire need of adequate financial support.

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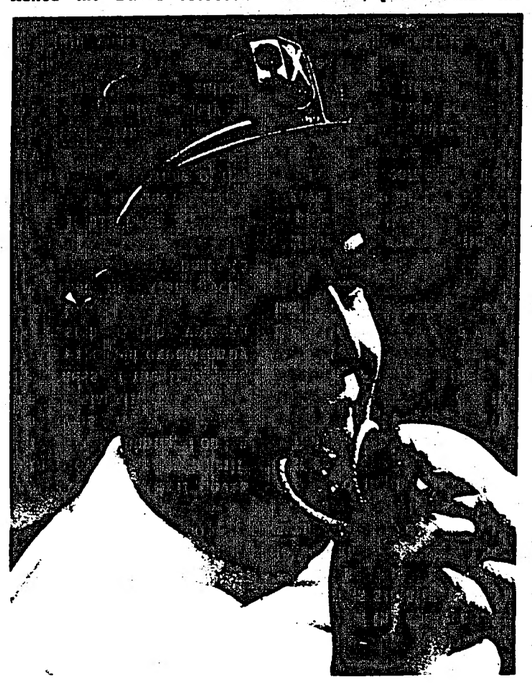

Robert Morley

How Other Half Loves

Royal Alex comedy is 'merry escapism'

By MIRIAM HERMAN
and LEWIS LEVENDEL

For an evening of pure entertainment – all too rare in the theatre these days – **How The Other Half Loves** at the Royal Alex fits the bill.

The long-running London comedy is saved from being sheer slapstick by the cleverness of the lines and by the excellent execution by the cast headed by veteran actor Robert Morley.

Written by Alan Ayckbourn, the comedy comes to Toronto from the West End where it has been a smash hit since the summer of 1970.

The unique feature of the play is that one set represents two homes with action going on simultaneously in each. This allows the author to contrast the lifestyles of his main characters – the uppercrust, pompous Fosters and the sloppy, outspoken Phillipses.

Similar to a French bedroom farce, the comedy features mistaken identities, deceptions and infidelities.

Despite the contagious laughter of the audience, the play winds slightly down towards the end. The problem is that Ayckbourn sets such a fast pace through the first act it can't possibly be sustained in the second and last act.

Robert Morley is an absolute delight playing the tailor-made role of the bumbling Foster to the hilt. The veteran actor after more than two years in the part, has got his eyebrow-raising and shoulder - shrugging honed to fine art.

There is some difficulty in picking up the various dialogues of the British actors as the lines come rapidfire at the audience. However the quick-paced antics of the actors more than compensates for any lines that are missed.

During the curtain call, Morley in his own inimitable fashion thanked the audience for their reception of the play. We should thank Morley and his excellent supporting cast for 2-1/2 hours of merry escapism.

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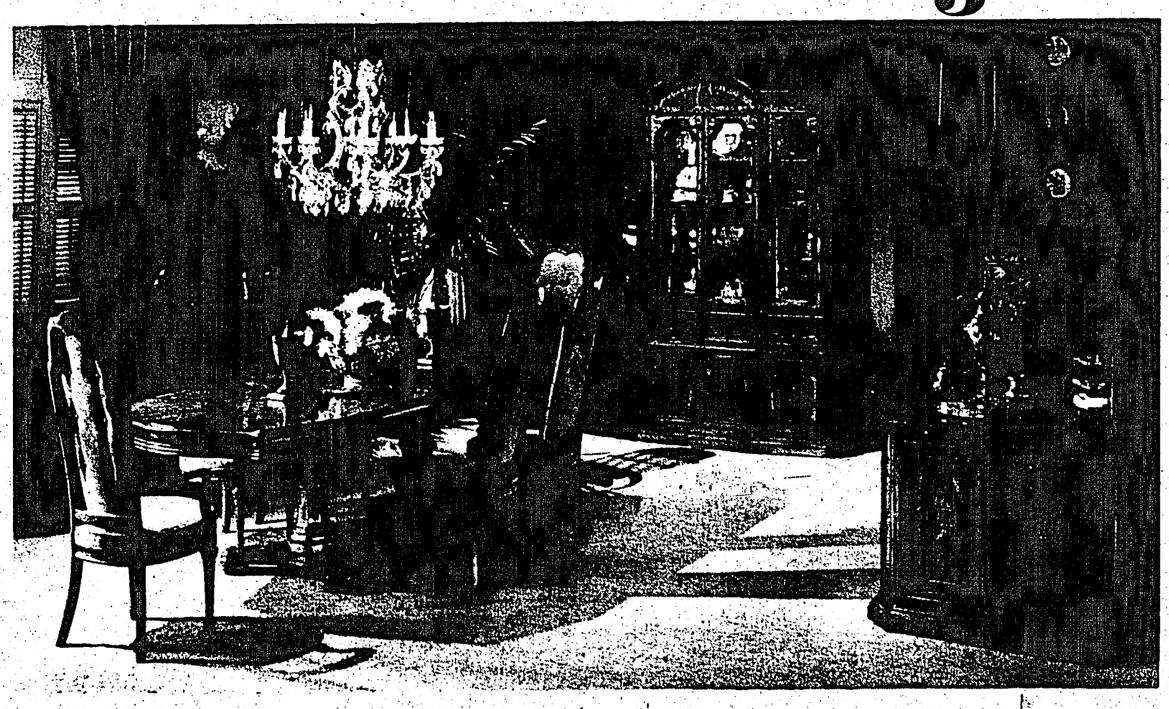

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